

Chapter 7 Polynomial Functions

7-1 Polynomial Functions

ex

$$7z^3 - 4z^2 + z$$

Degree? 3 (In one variable)Leading coefficient? 7

ex

$$9y - 3y^2 + 4y^4$$

Degree? 4Leading coefficient? 4

ex

$$3c^2 + 4c - 2c^{\textcircled{1}}$$

not poly.

Degree? _____

Leading coefficient? _____

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 3x + 1$$

$$f(-2) = 3(-2)^2 - 3(-2) + 1$$

$$= 12 + 6 + 1$$

$$= 19$$

$$p(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 3x$$

$$p(y^3) = 2(y^3)^4 - (y^3)^3 + 3(y^3)$$

$$p(y^3) = 2y^{12} - y^9 + 3y^3$$

Graphs of functions

Degree

Constant

$$f(x) = 4$$

0

Linear

$$f(x) = 3x - 9$$

1

Quadratic

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$$

2

Cubic

$$f(x) = x^3$$

3

Quartic

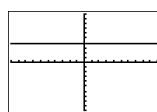
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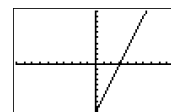
Quintic

$$f(x) = x^5$$

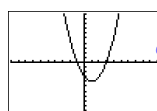
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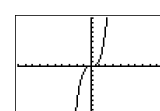
constant



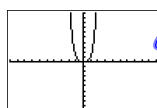
linear



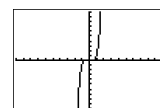
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cubic



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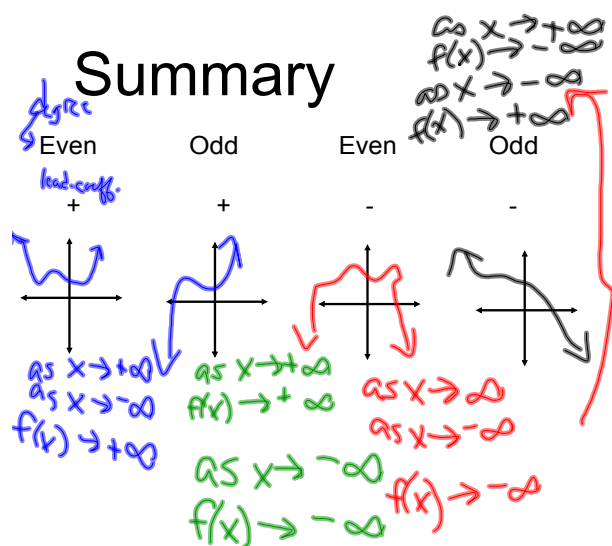


quintic

Let's look at the end behavior.

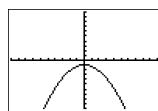
End Behavior--behavior of graph as x approaches $+\infty$ and $-\infty$

Determined by degree and leading coefficient

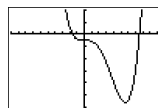


Examples

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- Is the function odd or even?
- State the number of zeros.



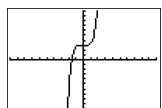
- As $x \rightarrow +\infty$, then $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, then $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
- even
- 2



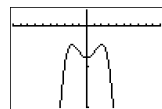
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- odd
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- 1



- As $x \rightarrow +\infty$, then $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, then $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
- even
- 0

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